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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

Christopher Columbus did a good job 416 years ago to-day.

The Farmers' club in the legislature can do a great deal of good if rightly directed.

The bank burglars who have been raiding Vermont towns went up against a hard nut at Proctorsville and couldn't crack it.

King Manuel denies membership in the Downland club, which probably means he will try to come back at a favorable moment.

Washington county came very near winning another senator in the new allotment following the 1910 census. It will come next time.

The Taft automobile has struck another child. A little executive hearing on the capability of the chauffeur to run the machine might not be amiss at the present time.

Brattleboro has heard that its federal building bill stood 128th on the government's list and that the number will be reached shortly. Barre people are wondering how many mayers are covering Barre's federal building project.

It seems that Mr. Justice Moody of the United States supreme court has recovered sufficiently so that he is able to travel to Washington, D. C., from Massachusetts; and still he is sick enough to retire and go on a full pension. About as near balanced on the half-way line as possible, it seems.

OVERDOING THE GLORIFICATION.

When a good man does enter politics, it raises a terrible clamor of approval, and the ready writers and the glib speakers pounce upon the occasion to laud the man to the skies for his hardihood. That is the case with President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton university, who was recently nominated by the Democrats for governor of New Jersey. Since he accepted the nomination, President Wilson's ears have been bombarded with flattery, and the plain, ordinary people of New Jersey must be thinking that he is too goodlike to be one of them and, therefore, too far above the office which is in their gift. The New York Globe and Commercial well says that "if his popularity survives this angel chorus, the New Jersey Democrats have indeed found a political treasure." It is too bad for a capable, though human, man like President Wilson to be beaten by the unwise flattery of his friends. If they care for his political welfare, they will cease their extolling to the skies as a man of superlative virtues and dwell more at length on his business ability.

PUBLIC WILL HAVE ITS SAY.

The officials of the large baseball leagues are prompt in their denunciation of what seemed to be unfair methods used in the contest for the batting championship, knowing full well that the success of the game depends upon its retaining the confidence of the American public. As soon as the public begins to feel doubt about the fairness of the game, it will begin to withhold its patronage in the various cities of the two circuits; and then the vast receipts will be materially reduced. It is good policy to be honest in baseball methods, even if the officials and players may not have compunctions about doing anything dishonest. Therefore, the public may depend upon it that as far as possible unfair methods will be kept out of the conduct of the two leagues. One aid to this will be the elimination of prize contests for the best batting or anything like that.

CONFIDENCE IN VERMONT.

Among the few outside newspapers which refused to believe that Vermont had fallen back in population when the



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report to that effect was recently sent broadcast was the Boston Transcript, which declared the state looked too prosperous to be on the decline. Because of that position, the contemporary may be pardoned for a slightly veiled I-told-you-so in the following paragraph in yesterday's issue:

"The Vermont statistics reveal what every traveler through the state must have realized—stagnation in rural population offset by a moderate gain in the cities, leaving the net percentage of increase in the state at 3.6 per cent. Curiously enough, this contrast seems to be nationwide. Rural Missouri lost in population in the decade. Iowa is not growing materially, and from all parts of the country the same report comes. People prefer to live in the larger centers of population, and the high price of farm supplies has not yet sufficed to drive them back to the country."

The decline, or stagnation, of rural population having been quite general throughout the country, Vermont is led to the belief that just as soon as the "back to the soil" inclination shall have become more pronounced the rural Vermont will reap its proportionate gain with the remainder of the country, perhaps more than its proportionate gain, because of the splendid chances for agricultural pursuits in the state and so near the great markets of the country. Meanwhile the manufacturing side of life state may be expected to continue a steady development to offset the present loss in the agricultural side.

Current Comment

Burlington Failed to Land It.

The granite concern which the Burlington Commercial club at one time seemed on the point of securing has established itself on the other side of Lake Champlain, owing to favorable freight rates obtained, and has just secured a big contract for granite in New York City. It is not impossible that it may yet establish a branch in this city.—Burlington Free Press.

Vermont's Population.

Vermont proves to have increased in population during the past 10 years—contrary to reports sent out some weeks ago purporting to forecast the census result. But the increase is only 3.6 per cent., and this follows upon an increase of only 3.4 per cent. in the previous decade. Vermont should do better than this, and it doubtless will if ever the time comes when trade with a region naturally tributary across the northern border is made more free.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

That Chapter on Worthless Dogs.

Governor Mend wrote an interesting chapter on "The Worthless Dog," which has seriously handicapped the sheep-raising industry in the state. Under the law a dog chasing sheep may be killed. A person attacked by a dog may kill the animal in self-defense, but if a dog bites

children of any citizen that man has no real redress. He can complain to the selectmen, who may order the dog muzzled or fined, but he cannot kill the dog without violating a statute. A case occurred in Windham county recently, where a child was bitten by a big dog. The father made a complaint and the dog was muzzled, but it was allowed its freedom, and it would charge upon helpless children and simply by its strength and weight knock them down, causing great fright and slight injuries. Sheep ought to be protected from the worthless dog, but the human species ought to be entitled to as much protection as the sheep.—Brattleboro Opinion.

Discrimination Alleged.

How did it happen that the Vermont state fair was able to get better rates over the Central Vermont railroad this year than any other fair in this section. Tickets from Richmond to White River Junction and return were advertised for sale at \$1.50. The distance between these points is 149 miles, making the rate in this particular case about a half-cent a mile. From other points on the Central Vermont road, the rate was practically the same. The Reformer finds no fault because this low rate was made the state fair management, but it does claim that other fairs should have been able to make equally satisfactory arrangements with the Central Vermont road. The best rate the Valley fair management could make with the C. V. people approximated almost three times as much per mile as that which the state fair had. And at that Brattleboro's three days' attendance was very close to the number that actually visited White River Junction on four days.—Brattleboro Reformer.

Room Enough For All Three.

President Buckham of the university of Vermont declares that there should be only one college in Vermont—his own, of course. He is like the boy riding a small donkey with a companion, who remarked, "I think one of us could ride better if you would get off." Middlebury and Norwich have long been on the map, are flourishing and carrying on a work in their particular directions, scarcely less in magnitude or value to that of the U. V. M., and their effacement or consolidation with the Burlington institution is not only impractical and impossible, but if possible, would be a bad blow to the educational interests of the state. The university of Vermont is and probably always will be, the leading and largest of our three colleges, but that there is room for others, and that they are doing a splendid work which deserves and will receive encouragement no one can doubt, unless he rests very close to the shadow of the high dome at Burlington.—Randolph Herald and News.

Jingles and Jests

A Common Fate.

"It is a terrible thing," said the prisoner, "to be known by a number instead of a name, and to feel that all my life I shall be an object of suspicion among the police."

"But you will not be alone, my friend," replied the philanthropic visitor; "the same thing happens to people who own automobiles."—Washington Star.

Dead Game.

Bricklayer (to mate, who had just had a load of bricks fall on his feet): "Drop 'em on yer toe! That's nothing! Why, I seen a bloke get killed stone dead, an' he never made such a bloom-in' fuss as you're doin'!"—Tit-Bits.

The Englishman's Glory.

I've met him here a dozen times, I've met him in Quebec. His name is legion up in Montreal. I've met him in a railway train and on a steamer deck. I've even met him at a game of ball. I've seen his gray eyes sparkle when he learned my occupation. And found that I had often covered crimes. And I knew that he would tell me with a lengthy explanation. That he'd 'botten written for the London Times."

He's as numerous and certain as the old subscriber type. Who has read your paper now for forty years?

If he's English you can wager, as he fills his briar pipe. He will pour this little story in your ears.

"Ho, HT used to be a writer 'oover 'ome, for don't 'u know HT was cleavah myking paragraph 'nd rhymes."

"Hand HT used to 'ave a letter published every week or so. 'Fon some h'interesting topic h'in th' Times."

It's a crowning glory to them, it's the common English boast. For it makes the British chest expand with pride.

It's the one achievement truly that they talk about the most. It's the link that binds them to the other side.

When an Englishman, I'll wager, shuffles off this mortal coil. And his soul to Peter's gateway duly climbs.

He will tell the guardian angel, as he sums his life of toil, "H'and HT 'botten done some writing for th' Times."

Why Business Lags.

Gloomy Party—I bought a revolver from you yesterday. I wish you'd take it back. I've changed my mind.—Fleegende Blaetter.

The Awakening.

I dreamed of her I once loved best, Who once my being had possessed; Whose hand I'd passionately pressed. Once more I sought her out with zeal. "She'll joy to welcome me," I guessed. And then, ah me! With bitter pain I guessed again.

I found a bird in last year's nest. With plumage rare Of yellow hair, With her sweet golden head at rest Upon the nest.

He wore on his protruding chest!—Harper's Weekly.

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LEGISLATIVE GOSSIP AT THE STATE HOUSE

Not Everybody Wholly Satisfied with Committee Appointments, for That Would Be Impossible; But Selections Are Generally Considered Good.

The general consensus of opinion at the State House last night was that Speaker Howe had used excellent judgment in the appointment of the House committees. There seemed to be few members than usual who were very deeply disappointed with their assignments and while some, of course, did not land on the committee they had hoped to, the result was accepted in the spirit that the speaker had evidently been fair in the matter and had done the best he could in the thankless task of trying to please 246 men and still have good working committees.

Those of the old guard who had opposed Mr. Howe's election on the ground that he was not a safe man and those who looked for something radical in the make-up of the committees were disappointed. There was not a single chance for an "I tell you so." Democrats, numbers taken into consideration, fared as well as Republicans, and their floor leader, Mr. Webster of Swanton, was given the chairmanship of the important committee on state and court expenses.

With the appointment of the clerks of the committee on the revision of bills, the legislative machinery will be complete and the bills that are even now causing the inside pockets of the members to protrude will be sent on their perilous journey. Some have even now been entrusted to the tender mercies of the committee, Mr. Corry of Montpelier being the first to hand over a bill. Senator Powell of Chittenden was a close second, and from now on it is anybody's race.

One of the important bills that will soon see light is one to combine the agricultural and forestry matters together with a state publicity bureau under one head. The publicity part of this bill provides for Vermont the same sort of advertising that had proved such a profitable investment of such states as Maine and New Hampshire.

The one session a day plan of Mr. Fletcher of Cavendish, chairman of the House committee on rules, does not meet with the entire approval of all the members of the legislature, especially with some of the Senate members. They fear that it will be found impossible to hold the members in the one, long, continuous session that a little later on would be necessary to dispose of the daily routine of business and that night sessions would be necessary long before they are usually held. The clerks and secretaries do not look with favor on the plan, for it would plainly mean for them, perhaps not extra work, but work that would have to be performed late at night. So, while such a rule will undoubtedly be recommended to the House, there is going to be some trouble about its adoption, at least, by both bodies.

Senator Powell of Chittenden, who is building the new hotel in Burlington, has obtained a promise from Gov. Mend to lay the corner stone of the building on Saturday, Oct. 22. The legislature, the state officials, everybody, in fact, of enough prominence to find eclat to the affair is going to be invited. All of which goes to show that when Mr. Powell embraced the legal profession, he made the mistake of his life. He should have been a promoter, not of the J. Rufus Wallingford type, but the more safe and sane kind that are adapted to work in a state like Vermont. Now, when you get the governor of the state to lay the corner stone of a hotel, that is some free advertising for said hotel, and the man who can do it is entitled to a front row seat in the band of publicity experts.

Note also in this connection that Senator Powell has on display in the Senate chamber a large picture of the hotel as it will look when the corner stone is laid with due ceremony and it looms up across the way to gladden the eye of neighbor Woodbury. The Senate awaits the next move of the hotel Vermont publicity game with considerable interest, and a few quiet wagers are being offered with no takers that the busy little senator from Chittenden county don't get President Taft to christen the tavern.

The new clerk to the speaker of the House, provided the Senate consents to the creation of such an official, is quite likely to be H. E. Slayton, who made such an efficient deputy secretary of state during the administration of the deceased Fletcher. The assistance which some of the officials now have in doing their work causes some of the old-time officials, like former clerks of the House and secretaries of the Senate, to wonder how in their days they ever turned out the work they did with nothing but pen and ink and long hand to help them. But they did, performed their duties well and on time, so now when they see these officials with a stenographer and an assistant at each elbow they are to be pardoned a smile at the reckless extravagance of the times and the degeneracy of clerks and secretaries in general.

The celebrated Farmers' club organized last evening without any great flourish of trumpets, by electing these officers:

President, H. Lee Hatch of Stratford; vice president, Dr. L. W. Burbank of Cabot; secretary, Pearl Daniels of Warren; treasurer, H. E. Shaw of Stowe; legislative committee, T. G. Bronson of Hardwick, W. H. Harrington of Pomfret and Frank Warner of Cornwall.

Following the meeting of the Farmers' club, the state forestry commission met at the Pavilion hotel to discuss measures to be brought before the present legislature. Those present were O. L. Martin of Plainfield, state commissioner of agriculture; A. F. Hawes of Burlington, state forester; Prof. J. L. Hills of Burlington and Representative A. M. Fletcher of Cavendish. Among the proposed measures discussed was one to appropriate \$10,000 to advertise Vermont, also measures amending the present forest fire laws.

Fletcher.

WAITSFIELD.

Mrs. G. O. Boyce of Montpelier is spending a few days with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones of Sharon are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. McAlister and other friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Baird of Waterbury made a short visit to friends in town, the first of the present week.

There will be no preaching in the Congregational church next Sunday, as the pastor is attending the meeting of the national council in Boston.

Mrs. S. C. Bonnette is in the Mary Fletcher hospital, where she has had an operation for appendicitis. She is doing as well as can be expected.

A. S. Howe, who has been suffering from a fall, is in a very serious condition, as pneumonia has set in and grave fears are entertained for his recovery.

Miss Clara Spaulding, who was a delegate to the state C. E. convention in Barton, gave a very interesting report of the proceedings of that meeting at the C. E. meeting last Sunday evening.

Miss Grace Savage and Fred S. Bell were united in marriage at the home of the bride Tuesday, October 11, by Rev. W. A. Remel. After a short wedding tour, Mr. and Mrs. Bell will reside in the village.

There will be a huge bonfire in town next Thursday at 3 p. m., to demonstrate the power of the new chemical engine in extinguishing a big fire. All are invited to come and see what we have for fire protection.

There was a hushing bee at Rev. G. C. McDougall's last Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Three Circle club. Sandwiches, coffee and the conventional pumpkin pie were served, good music was furnished and all report that the M. E. paragon is a great place for a jolly good time.

VERMONT'S CONTRIBUTIONS

To Other States Are Notable—Will Probably Increase Faster in Population.

Vermont's population of 355,956 by the census of 1910, indicates a slightly accelerated growth over the decade 1890-1900, but, as compared with the rest of New England, the state is almost at a standstill. When Vermont came belated into the Union in 1791, she was, in effect, a frontier state, and as such had within the next thirty years her period of relatively rapid growth. Soon after that period her speed slackened, until at length she reached about forty years ago the condition of almost imperceptible growth now again called to public attention by the census takers. Between 1880 and 1890, Vermont gained less than 150 inhabitants. Since that time she has slightly increased her pace, and it is not impossible that the movement back to the land that New England now begins to feel, will within the next two decades make her again one of the growing states. Of course, Vermont's condition has never been one of decadence. She has steadily sent her young men and women to Boston, to New York and to the West, and her population has been maintained by immigration. She has now just under thirty-nine inhabitants to the square mile. Thirty years ago nearly one-fifth of her voters were foreign born, and the proportion of foreign born to natives must be far larger now than then, yet Vermont remains in type and spirit essentially an old New England state.—Boston Herald.

Even Exchange.

The pretty girl was eating a peach. "Cannibal!" exclaimed the elderly bachelor.

"Parrot!" she retorted. "For she had a dim recollection of having heard him say the same thing to dozens of other pretty girls.—Chicago Tribune.

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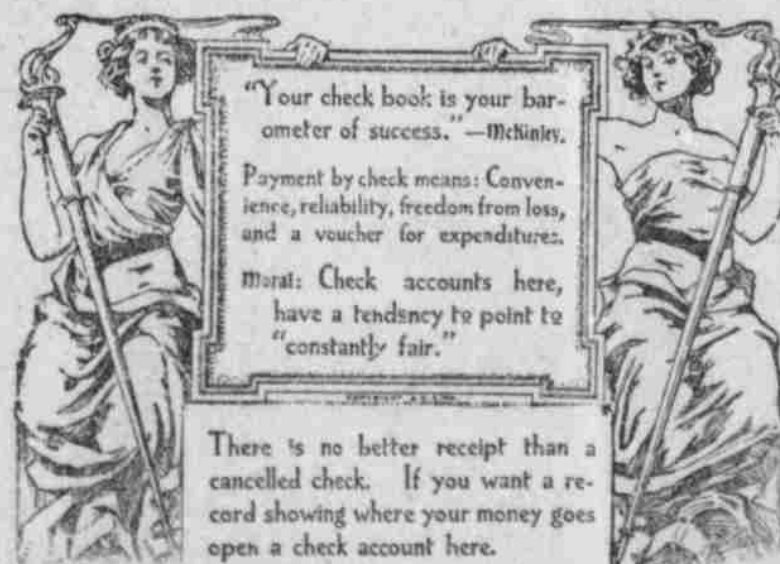
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